

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Peter Bryan Malcolm      Examiner: Hoang, Son T.  
Application No.: 10/534,312      Confirmation No.: 4877  
Filing or 371(c) date: May 1, 2006      Art Unit: 2165  
  
For: Data Storage System

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Reply is being in response to the non-final Office Action that was issued on November 28, 2008 (hereinafter, "Office Action"), having a three-month shortened period of response set to expire on February 28, 2009. Applicants have submitted herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action, thereby extending the deadline to May 28, 2009.

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Please amend the above referenced application as follows.